

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the thorough examination of the present application and the allowance of claims 1-17. The Office Action, however, rejected claims 18-19. Although Applicant does not agree with the rejections of claims 18-19, in reliance on the allowance of claims 1-17 and solely to place this application in immediate condition for allowance, Applicant has cancelled claims 18-19. Application cancels these claims, however, without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Indeed, Applicant reserves the right to pursue those claims (or other claims supported by the specification) in one or more continuing applications.

CONCLUSION

This application is now in proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

No fee is believed to be due in connection with this amendment and response to Office Action. If, however, any fee is believed to be due, you are hereby authorized to charge any such fee to deposit account No. 20-0778.

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